

RAILWAY COMPANY TO FETE EMPLOYEES

Kiddies, Too, Will Be Guests of Washington Concern at Big Vaudeville Show.

It was announced today by William L. Clarke, assistant secretary, that the New National Theater had been secured for the afternoon of Tuesday, December 22, for the fifteenth consecutive annual Christmas entertainment to be given under the auspices of the board of directors of the Washington Railway and Electric Company for the children of its employees, including those of the Potomac Electric Power Company.

Vaudeville Entertainment.
As in former years, the entertainment will consist of vaudeville numbers secured from local theaters, a special miniature circus being one of the attractions, arranged for by Entertainment Committee Chairman, Fred J. Morshimer. An additional feature will be the presentation of a series of Mother Goose tableaux suggested by Chief Clerk George G. Whitney and produced under the direction of Cora B. Shreve.

Fifty children of employees ranging from nine to fourteen years of age will participate. A novelty dance will be interpolated, in which six of Miss Shreve's pupils will take part.

Free transportation to and from the theater in special cars will be given to all company children and parents accompanying them, and at the conclusion of the entertainment toys, games, books, roller skates, sleds, etc., bags of candy, fruits and nuts will be distributed by "Old Nick" himself.

The purchasing committee, of which Mr. Merrill is chairman, have followed the "Buy in Washington" slogan and entered into the shop early movement with such force that practically the entire selection of Christmas gifts to be presented has been completed.

The Committee.
The entire arrangements for the entertainment are under the direction of company employees from all departments. William L. Clarke having been appointed general chairman by President King, with John C. McLaughlin, of the Potomac company, vice chairman, and T. F. Sullivan general secretary. The subcommittees appointed by the chairman are:

Entertainment—F. J. Morshimer, chairman; W. N. DeNeale, J. A. Kaiser, J. C. McLaughlin, J. G. Gray, L. B. Schless.
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Reception—S. C. Kimball, chairman; W. F. Ham, L. C. Smith, George P. Hoover, John S. Burrout, G. G. Whitney, A. S. Parry, G. H. Rettew, J. H. Stephens, W. O. Gibson, J. E. Tonly, H. M. Keyser, S. B. Rowan, J. H. Glazebrook, J. J. Kavanney, W. J. Stanton, and F. H. Morehart.

Profitable Sport.

Representative Barthold of Missouri tells the story of a man with a soft, daff look, who sat on a park bench in the sun, with rod and line, as if he were fishing, but who, in fact, was wearing on the hook a dangled over a bed of bright primroses.

"Daff!" said a passerby to himself. "Daff!" he repeated, "Nice looking old fellow, too. It's a pity."

Then, with a gentle smile, the passerby approached the fisherman and said: "What are you doing, uncle?"

"Fishing, sir," answered the old man, solemnly.

"Fishing, eh? Well, uncle, come and have a drink."

The old man shouldered his rod and followed the kindly stranger to the corner saloon. There he regaled himself with a large glass of dark beer and a good Scotch cut, and then, with a contented nod, he turned back toward the park.

"You are the seventh, sir,"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Cause and Effect.

There would be more honest people in the world if it wasn't for the foot and his money.

Many a woman has lost a good friend by marrying him.

"Both gets to the top, in which it resembles some men."

The very existence of some people would seem to disprove the theory that there is no effect without a cause.

"The girl with pretty feet never gets the bottom of her skirts muddy."

If getting married doesn't take the conceit out of a man, nothing will. A girl may not love her suitor, but she invites them all to her wedding.

Nine-tenths of the women who cry at weddings have been married themselves.—Sam S. Stinson in Judge.

No Acorn.

When James A. Garfield was president of Oberlin College, a man brought for entrance a student his son, for whom he wished a shorter course than the regular one.

Tax Expert Carries VAST GRAIN SUPPLY Emperor's Famed Gem FOR ALLIES BURNS

Historic Maximilian Opal Snuggles in Vest Pocket of Herbert J. Browne.

TURNED TIDE FOR CARRANZA

Fiery Jewel Obtained As Result of Hazardous Trip Up "Un-navigable" River.

Ever since the late Gen. Marc Antonio, triumvir of Rome, coveted an opal owned by a senator of that empire, who prized the stone so highly that he left Rome rather than give it to Antony to carry around to Cleopatra, opals have been more or less in the limelight of dynasties, emperors, and kings.

Today there walks about the streets of Washington a man who can reach into his left-hand vest pocket, if he will, and show you the dazzling, opalescent gem, famous in Mexican history as the "Maximilian Opal." The man is Herbert J. Browne, whose hobbies range from the half-an-hour plan, to sailing boats, the single tax, and collecting opals.

This particular opal came Mr. Browne's way because he got three shiploads of ammunition to General Carranza's agents in time to turn the tide in favor of the constitutional cause.

Famed Among Experts.
The Maximilian opal, as famous among those versed in historic gems as the Hope diamond, was given to Emperor Maximilian, his chief of staff, and was found on the body of the latter after the two were executed at Queretaro, an incident that marked the final chapter in the romantic history of the Empire of Mexico.

In the early summer of 1914 New York papers carried a little item to the effect that "some of the ammunition which is being supplied to General Carranza is being taken out of Galveston on vessels chartered by some one who has assumed the name of Herbert J. Browne, a well-known Washington newspaper man."

Herbert J. Browne's abilities as a skipper, it would seem, were not even known to his friends in the newspaper business. But it was he who, in his own name, took out papers as captain of the vessels, gave Havana as his destination, and when he reached open waters turned their bows toward Mexico. In all the Sunshine and the Wright, his two sailing vessels, carried an abundance of rifles, and about fifteen rounds of ammunition into Tampico.

Surprises Natives.

Moreover, it was Skipper Browne who jauntily sailed up the Panuco river, a swift moving stream, along which, about seven miles from the coast, lies Tampico, the city whence the mysterious supplies of munitions emanated, to the discomfiture of the opponents of Carranza. Browne was told this stream was not navigable for sailing vessels, but, being American, and believing he knew something about sailing vessels, he sailed up the stream without any aid of tug, greatly to the surprise of the natives.

Today, in addition to his commission, he bears with him, as a token of gratitude from Carranza, the opal which has a history, and a beauty all its own.

An opal, Noah Webster will inform you, is "an amorphous, massive, reniform, siliceous, vitreous to resinous, variously colored, transparent to nearly opaque, hydrous silica."

One glance at the opal, formed like the head of an eagle, that is in Mr. Browne's hands, is as disconcerting as that definition. It is unlike any other opal apt to be seen in this country.

Colors Are Brilliant.

Other opals sparkle and flash, but, in proper light, this great stone, weighing more than half an ounce, shows deep and fiery red, an intense and brilliant green, and all other intermediate colors of the rainbow.

Incidentally the rainbow allusion describes the difference between a Mexican opal, Mr. Browne will tell you, and an Austrian or a Hungarian stone. Other opals generally reflect light, but the formation of the Mexican opal is such that it is transparent.



Above—HERBERT J. BROWNE.
Below—The Maximilian Opal.

light into all the colors of a prism, against a prism, which breaks up the light into all the colors of a prism, and then combines and modifies them as the myriad prismatic radiations play upon each other.

Opals are formed and found in lava rock, and their radiations are due to the presence of about 10 or 12 per cent of water. Hence, though opaline masses abound, only such opals as have been subjected to just the right amount of pressure and heat are iridescent, and even these opals, if subjected to an unusual degree of heat, become milky or glassy.

On Maximilian's Chain.

The opal possessed by Mr. Browne was pronounced by a Tiffany expert one of the most nearly perfect specimens, as well as one of the largest, in this country. Its worth is enhanced, of course, by its historic associations, and Mr. Browne believes collectors could be persuaded to hand over \$10,000 for it. It is still mounted on a gold chain, with which it was worn as a watch charm by the ill-fated Maximilian. The matrix, or lava, in which it was cast when he wore it, and upon which was his coat of arms, has been removed, probably to bring out more strikingly the beauties of the stone.

Mr. Browne's trips, incidentally, brought about a repetition of his method of earning opals. When he took out papers for Havana, and went to Mexico, he did it after examining the laws which then contained no provision against a mariner changing his course after he put out to sea. He was fined \$50, and afterward the money was returned when he was released from the fact. During the last session, Congress enacted laws to prevent such a procedure, and were anyone to try to perform the same trick he would find himself heavily fined.

Danish Steamer Sunk

By German Submarine

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Danish steamer Minsk has been sunk by a German submarine.

The Minsk displaced 1,229 tons and was owned by a Danish firm at Copenhagen, from which port she was registered. She was built in 1911.

Three Elevators at Erie, Bulging With 550,000 Bushels, Are Destroyed—Plot Rumored.

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 10.—Fire which early today destroyed three Anchor line grain elevators bulging with 550,000 bushels of grain consigned to the allies, brought State and Government investigators to the scene to run down reports that pro-German incendiaries started the blaze. The loss is placed at \$750,000.

An investigation was begun immediately despite statements by officials of the Erie and Western Transportation Company, owning the Anchor Line, that the blaze started high in elevator B of the burned trio. Indications they said, were that spontaneous combustion caused the fire.

If spies started the blaze, it was said, they could not have selected a more opportune time. Erie has discontinued fire insurance on the water front where the elevators were situated and when the flames were discovered the streets through the surrounding railroad yards were blocked by freight trains.

As a result the blocked fire apparatus was delayed in reaching the burning buildings and the flames gained great headway.

The elevators were known to have been under extra guards ever since grain for the allies was placed in storage. Five grain-laden steamers lying near the elevators were drawn away and saved.

Natural Curiosity.

"Hello! Is that you, Hank? Why, there's a report around town that you are dead."

"Is that so? Well, call me up again if it's confirmed, will you?"—Boston Transcript.

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